

List of Dissertation Abstract (Innovation Management and Environmental Sciences)

Name	Supervisor	Title	Abstract
Yoshiko FUJIWARA	Takatoshi ANDO	"The self-determination in the relationship" that the social workers play has become clear through the inter-professional collaborations~Consideration from the characteristic of the self-determination support in the interview investigation~	There is a need for a system that respects self-determination so that the elderly can live based on their own will. In this study, we conducted an interview survey with social workers of three types of facilities where the elderly live in order to reconsider while clarifying the support structure of self-determination support. As a result, he suggested that we should shift to recognizing the new concept of "self-determination support in communities" or "self-determination support in relationships".

Yuka KIMURA	Takatoshi ANDO	Effects of SHU-KATSU (The Activity of Preparation for Aging and Death) for Successful Aging among the Japanese Elderly People	The purpose of this study is to clarify how “SHU-KATSU” captured and addressed, mainly for elderly people in urban areas, and to propose ways of supporting “SHU-KATSU” that contribute to successful aging. As a result, it was clarified that “SHU-KATSU” affects particularly the life satisfaction and the future prospects of the elderly living alone. In addition, it was found that it was important to not disturb the anxiety, to encourage “SHU-KATSU” by home organizing and arranging financial property, and to support using “SHU-KATSU” course.
Itsuko YAMAKAWA	Takatoshi ANDO	Changes of Life and Consciousness of People with Visual Impairments by Living with Guide Dogs —From a Viewpoint of Functional, Psychological and Social Support—	In this paper, the author studied on the process of guide dog users’ changes through functional, psychological and social support of guide dogs. Study 1 confirmed that QOL for some guide dog users is higher than that of white cane users. Study 2 and 3 recognized the positive impact of living with guide dogs in that acquired visually impaired people changed their lives and became highly motivated to live positively, participating in society. Further investigation will be necessary, however, the positive outcomes of this study shed a new light on using a guide dog as “Living Self-Help Device.”